

WILLIAM H. IJAMS.

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Mr. McCUMBER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 2803.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2803) granting an increase of pension to William H. Ijams, have examined the same and report:

This bill as amended proposes to increase from \$12 to \$24 per month the pension of William H. Ijams, of Osceola, Iowa, late captain Company K, Thirtieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

The military records show that William H. Ijams was enrolled August 23, 1861, and mustered in August 26, 1861, as captain, with Company K, Thirtieth Ohio Infantry, and was honorably discharged for physical disability July 9, 1863.

Captain Ijams is now receiving the maximum pension of \$12 per month provided by the act of June 27, 1890, for total disability, due to senile disability, left varicocele, disease of heart, disease of bladder, and disease of testes. He has never made claim under the general law.

He is 67 years of age, and his last medical examination, dated November 5, 1902, rated him \$8 for piles, \$2 for left varicocele, \$4 for disease of heart, \$4 for disease of bladder, and \$6 for rheumatism. A prior examination, dated November 6, 1901, reported him as broken in health, physically weak and feeble, and unable to perform manual labor.

Evidence accompanying the bill shows that claimant is financially poor, his total possessions being valued at about \$200, and his only income the small pension he now receives.

An increase of his pension to \$24 per month is recommended on the ground of his present condition. It is not shown that he requires aid and attendance, and no higher rate is warranted.

The bill is therefore reported back favorably with a recommendation that it pass when amended as follows:

In line 6, after the word "captain," strike out the word "of."

In line 8 strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty-four."

